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TAGS: SENV, UNEP

SUBJECT: UNEP/GC-DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WHALES

REF: NAIROBI 6115, STATE 8413

1. AT WEO MEETING THIS MORNING, CANADA REFERRED TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA, STATING THAT CANADIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT AGREE THERE IS SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING 10-YEAR MORATORIUM COVERING ALL SPECIES OF WHALES. WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A MORATORIUM ON SPECIES CLEARLY DETERMINED TO BE ENDANGERED, WITH REGULATED HARVESTING ALLOWED FOR SPECIES IN HEALTHY, NON-ENDANGERED CONDITION. ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT APPARENT LINK US RESOLUTION BETWEEN MORATORIUM AND CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES. IF US INSISTS ON PUTTING TOTAL 10-YEAR MORATORIUM WORDING IN OPERATIVE PORTION RESOLUTION, THEN CANADIAN DELEGATION INSTRUCTED TO STATE ITS DISAGREEMENT WITH US POSITION ON 10-YEAR MORATORIUM.

2. UK AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS' POSITIONS SAME AS CANADIANS. JAPANESE DELEGATE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO STATE DISAGREEMENT AND ENTER RESERVATION, AS JAPAN

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HAS DONE SINCE STOCKHOLM. NORWEGIANS HAVE INFORMED USDEL THEY ARE CABLING OSLO FOR INSTRUCTIONS. WE HAVE NOT YET TALKED TO SOVIETS, BUT ANTICIPATE THEY WILL DISAGREE WITH US POSITION.

3. US ALTERNATIVES AT THIS POINT ARE (A) TO DROP 10-YEAR MORATORIUM FROM OPERATIVE PARAS OF JAPANESE

DRAFT RESOLUTION AS MODIFIED IN STATE 8413 AND THEREBY
GAIN CO-SPONSORS, OR (B) INTRODUCE US DRAFT RESOLUTION,
WITHOUT CO-SPONSORS AND WITH EXPRESSIONS OF DISAGREEMENT
BY AT LEAST CANADIANS AND OTHER DELEGATES NAMED IN
PARA 2. SHOULD USDEL'S INSTRUCTIONS REMAIN TO PROCEED
WITH ORIGINAL US DRAFT (PARA 3B ABOVE), THERE WOULD BE
CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF
CONSENSUS IN PLENARY DEBATE. USDEL PREFERS TO TAKE
ACTION IN PARA 3 (A) ABOVE AND THUS ACHIEVE GC CONSENSUS
ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S TAKING ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN
LAST TWO PARAS JAPANESE DRAFT. US DEL HAS ALREADY
PRESENTED SUBSTNACE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS US DRAFT
RESOLUTION DURING DISCUSSIONS MARINE MAMMALS ITEM IN
COMMITTEE I.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO BE
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